

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a new sheet of drawing containing Fig. 6 for entry in the application file. Fig. 6 has been added to illustrate the engagement groove 25a formed in the motor flange 25, as described more fully in the Remarks section.

ADDITIONAL FEE:

No additional fee is believed required in connection with this amendment. However, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, claims 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,198,836 to Saito et. al. ("Saito"), and claims 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view JP9-086000 to Miyazaki, US 2005/0022946 to Domel or US 4,763,031 to Wang. Claims 1-3 and 6 were allowed, and claims 8-10 were objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and were otherwise indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The drawings were objected to as not showing the engagement groove formed in the flange member as recited in claim 1, and the appropriate correction was required. Acknowledgement was made of applicants' claim for foreign property under 35 U.S.C. §119 and receipt of the priority document, thereby perfecting the foreign priority claim.

In accordance with this amendment, claims 7-9 have been amended and claims 8, 14 and 15 have been canceled. A new sheet of drawing containing Fig. 6 has been added to show the engagement groove 25a, and the specification has been revised to include a description of Fig. 6 in the brief description of the drawings and in the body of the specification. No new matter has been introduced by the addition of Fig. 6 and the description thereof in the specification.

Applicants and their attorney acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3 and 6 and the indication of allowable subject matter concerning claims 8-10.

The claims have been amended to accept the allowed and allowable subject matter, and new Fig. 6 has been added to overcome the drawing objection.

With respect to the drawing objection, new Fig. 6 is an exploded perspective view of the rotary motor 21 and the idler gears 23, 24 similar to that shown in Fig. 4 but taken from the opposite side. As shown in Fig. 4, the distal end of the gear support shaft 22b is aligned with the through-hole in the idler gear 24 and with the engagement groove 25a which, in Fig. 4, is denoted by an arrow head pointing to the location of the engagement groove. Fig. 6 shows the engagement groove 25a formed in the motor flange 25 and in which is fitted the distal end of the gear support shaft 22b, as described in paragraph [0023] of the specification. Thus, Fig. 6 finds full support in the original disclosure and does not introduce prohibited new matter into the disclosure.

With respect to the claims, claims 1-3 stand allowed. Claims 4-5 were previously canceled. Claim 6 stands allowed.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 8, thereby placing claim 7 in allowable form. Claim 8 has been canceled.

Claim 9 has been amended to depend on base claim 7 rather than now-canceled claim 8.

Claim 10 depends on allowable claim 9 and claims 11-13 depend on allowable claim 7 and thus these claims are likewise allowable.

Claims 14-15 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, the drawing objection has been overcome and only allowed and allowable claims are pending. The amendments do not raise any new issue that would require further search or consideration, and the application is now believed to be in allowable form. However, should the Examiner determine that something further need be done, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that any outstanding matter can be promptly attended to.

In light of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and entry of this amendment together with passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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